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SUBJ: QADHAFI ASKS KEREKOU TO SUPPORT EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

1. JULY 27 EDITION OF GOVERNMENT SPONSORED DAILY EHUZU CARRIED
TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT QADHAFI TO BENINESE PRESIDENT
KEREKOU ACCUSING EGYPT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST LIBYA, OF DESTROY-
ING HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS, AND KILLING INNOCENT CIVILIANS.
TELEGRAM STATED THAT SUCH "AGGRESSION CONSTITUTES FLAGRANT
VIOLATION OF CHARTER OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND A
THREAT TO PEACE IN THE REGION". GIVEN GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION,
QADHAFI SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED HIS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TO CALL FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE OAU.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN SAME NEWSPAPER, LIBYAN MINISTER
PLENIPOTENTIARY MOHAMED KHATTOUT STATED THAT ATTACK WAS PROVOKED
BY AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM, NOTING AT SAME TIME THAT EGYPTIAN
REGIME WAS "REACTIONARY". AS LONG AS EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES ARE MASSED
ALONG LIBYAN BORDER, KHATTOUT SAID, LIBYA COULD NOT RULE OUT POSSIB-
ILITY OF ANOTHER ATTACK. HE CALLED ON EGYPT TO WITHDRAW ITS
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TROOPS IMMEDIATELY.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH BENIN DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE OAU
SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE, IT WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT QADHAFI'S
REQUEST AS LONG AS THE MEETING IS HELD IN A "FRIENDLY" COU-
NTRY, I.E., SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN MOROCCO OR GABON. THOMPSON

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